(b) whether Government propose to bring about change in the newly introduced essay paper, allowing the students to write in their chosen languages; and

(c) whether the topics of essay would cover the wide rage to facilitate students from all faculties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Expert Committee appointed by the U.P.S.C. under the chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra *inter alia* recommended the introduction of an Essay Paper in the Civil Services Examination. This recommendation has been accepted by the UPSC and the Govt.

(b) The candidates for the CSE will have the option to answer all the papers of the Main Examination, including the Essay Paper, but excluding the language papers, in any one of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution or in English.

(c) The candidates will be required to write an Essay on a specific topic out of a given choice of subjects. Credit will be given for effective and exact expression.

Directors panel of CSS officers

2010. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directors' panel of C.S.S. officers for the year 1992 is yet to be issued;

(b) whether it is also a fact that alligibility of officers is considered as on 1st July of the year, i.e. 1st July, 1992 and the panel should have been out before December, 1992;

(c) if so, why this panel is being delayed and what is the date for issue of the panel;

(d) whether the interests of CSS officers would not suffer due to delay in issuance of the panel as the vacancies falling vacant in April-May, 1993, are likely to be filled by officers of the IAS and other Group 'A' services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is not a Statutory requirement but a part of the annual action plan of the Ministry.

(c) The finalisation of the panel gets delayed because of the the non-receipt of updated CRs from the different Ministries/ Departments in time.

(d) No Sir, as vacancies occur not only in April-May but also in other months of the year.

Promotion avenues for stenographers

2011. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has accepted in full the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission vide para 11.34 for the stenographers of the non-sectt. organisations numbering 41,000 to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers by creation of a higher pay scale of Rs. 2000-3200 in addition to the three pay scales Gr. I (Rs. 1640—2900), Grade II (Rs. 1400—2300) presently Rs. 1400—2600) and Grade III (Rs. 1200—2040);

(b) whether it is also a fact that to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers 100 per cent posts of Grade I were upgraded to Sr. P.A. (Rs. 2000—3200);

(c) whether it is also a fact that to improve the promotion avenues of stenographers Grade II (Rs. 1400—2600) mini-